

I am appalled that Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air the extremely partisan anti-Kerry "Stolen Honor" and airing it, moreover, so close to the election. I never thought in my six decades of life that I would see a Pravda-type shroud descend on the American broadcast media, but actions like this one by Sinclair smack of such unilateral domination by a single party. Another word for this is totalitarianism.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.